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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 14977

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EWWT, IMCO, PORG

SUBJ: SOVIET INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING IMCO PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE AT LONDON

REF: MOSCOW 13205

1. SOVIET PROPOSAL PARA 3 REFTEL RECALLS TO MIND REPORT
SENT DEPT. UNDER COVER LONDON A-611, JULY 7, 1975.

SOVIETS SEEM INTENT ON INCREASING REPRESENTATION IN
LONDON BY MEANS OF IMCO OFFICE WHICH, ACCORDING TO
REPORT REFAIR, UK NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH UK
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO VERIFY PRESS REPORT. APPARENTLY
RELATED ISSUE REPORTED IN UK PRESS RECENTLY NOTED THAT
PRIME MINISTER WILSON IN TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERS HAD
"OVERRULED" UK SECURITY OFFICIALS AND HAD AGREED TO
ALLOW SOVIETS TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION IN LONDON.

THESE PRESS REPORTS WERE, HOWEVER, IMMEDIATELY DENIED BY
THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. IN VIEW HISTORY OF

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UK/SOVIET PROBLEMS OVER REPRESENTATION IN LONDON, IT

WOULD APPEAR PREFERABLE TO EMBASSY TO AVOID U.S. GOVERN-
MENT AND IMCO INVOLVEMENT IN THIS BILATERAL ISSUE.

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